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Virginia Water Protection Permit Program Staff Manual

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Summary:

The Virginia Water Protection Permit Program Manual (Manual) is undergoing a continual update and revision process to: reflect the program changes made to the VWPP Program Regulation (9 VAC 25-210-10 et seq.) and the VWP General Permit Regulations (9 VAC 25-[660, 670, 680, 690]-10 et seq.); clarify certain procedures; and incorporate new or revised program guidance and guidelines. This allows the Manual to be a consolidated and up-to-date reference for VWPP Program staff as they implement the program.

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http://deqnet/docs/default.asp?path=/.main/water/Water_permit/VWP_Permits_Program. File documents will contain a footer that notes the most recent revision date. Also, the most recent revision date of each file may be viewed on DEQNet under the “Last Modified” column of the Documents & Forms navigation menu. These files supercede all previous versions of the VWP Permit Manual issued in 2001, 2002, and 2003.

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